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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S REMARKS AT MILWAUKEE

1. IN MEETING WITH BOUMEDIENE JULY 15 HE ASKED IF I
COULD EXPLAIN WHAT WAS BEHIND REMARKS ABOUT THIRD
WORLD COUNTRIES MADE BY SECRETARY KISSINGER AT MILWAUKEE.
SAID HE WAS NOT MAKING A DEMARCHE BUT JUST CURIOUS.
I SAID HAD NOT YET HAD TIME TO READ REMARKS BUT HAD
HEARD SUMMARY ON BBC. THEY REFLECTED GROWING AMERICAN
UNHAPPINESS WITH ALL THE NAME CALLING BEING INDULGED IN
AT OUR EXPENSE IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORA. EVERYTHING
WAS BEING BLAMED ON NEO-IMPERIALISM (PHRASE USED
BY BOUMEDIENE AT DINNER FOR MEXICAN PRESIDENT NIGHT BEFORE)
AND WE WERE REACTING. ARABS DID NOT SEEM TO UNDERSTAND
THAT AMERICANS COULD NOT KEEP SILENT INDEFINITELY UNDER
VERBAL ATTACK.

2. BOUMEDIENE SAID HE FOUND THIS HARD TO UNDERSTAND.
ALGERIANS WERE INDEPENDENT AND WERE GOING TO CRITICIZE
THE MAJOR POWERS WHENEVER THEY THOUGHT REALITIES OF
SITUATION DEMANDED IT. REALITIES COULD NOT BE IGNORED.
RUSSIANS AND AMERICANS WERE DOMINATING THE WORLD; EVEN
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AS WE SPOKE THEY WERE GETTING TOGETHER TO DOMINATE THE

HEAVENS. WHAT WERE NON-ALIGNED TO DO? THEY MUST HAVE THE FREEDOM TO CRITICIZE AND EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS OPENLY. THAT WAS WHAT UN WAS FOR. IT DID NOT MEAN ALGERIANS HATED AMERICANS. THERE WAS NO HOSTILITY BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES, AS I COULD SEE MYSELF.

3. I SAID WE AGREED UN WAS PROPER FORUM FOR EXPRESSION OF VIEWS AND EVERYONE HAD RIGHT TO CRITICISE OTHERS. WE ALSO HAD RIGHT TO RESPOND. WE FELT FUTURE OF THAT ORGANIZATION IMPERILED HOWEVER AND THAT IT IN EVERYONE'S INTEREST TO HAVE LESS TALK AND MORE COOPERATION IN ORDER MAKE ORGANIZATION MORE EFFECTIVE.

4. BOUMEDIENE ASKED WHY, IN THAT CASE, WE DID NOT AGREE TO REFORM OF UN AND ITS MACHINERY. AS IT WAS, ORGANIZATION WAS CONTROLLED BY SOVIETS AND AMERICANS. THEIR VETO POWER ENABLED THEM TO BLOCK ACTIONS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WHICH WAS POWERLESS. IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES WE SHOULD EXPECT CRITICISM FROM THIRD WORLD, WHICH FRUSTRATED. VERBAL ATTACKS ON US, HOWEVER, WERE SIMPLY PINPRICKS WITHOUT EFFECT AND THEY SHOULD NOT BOTHER US. IF I STEPEED ON AN ANT I DID NOT FEEL IT, ID I? ANT DID HOWEVER.

5. I SAID ALGERIA CONSIDERABLY BIGGER THAN ANY ANT AND CAPABLE INFLECTING CONSIDERABLY MORE PAIN. BOUMEDIENE LAUGHED.

6. COMMENT: BOUMEDIENE APPEARED GENUINELY PUZZLED BY OUR REACTION. PRESS THIS MORNING REPORTS KISSINGER STATEMENT ON FRONT PAGE UNDER HEADING "KISSINGER THREATENS THIRD WORLD AGAIN." ONLY EDITORIAL, IN ARABIC LANGUAGE ASH-SHAAB, IS ENTITLED "KISSINGER AFTER THE BANKRUPTCY OF HIS POLICY."PARKER

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